

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, January 25, 2024
1:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting

Present: Chair Mandy
Vice Chair Bennink
Member Elms
Member Horwath
Member Kroetsch
Member Menezes
Member Pauls

Also Present: Chief Frank Bergen
Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati
Acting Deputy Chief Will Mason
Legal Counsel Marco Visentini
Inspectorate of Policing – Police Advisor David Tilley
Administrative Director Kirsten Stevenson
Board Assistant Lucia Romano

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.

2. Elections

2.1 Election for the Position of Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2024

Pursuant to Section 28(1) of the *Police Services Act*, and Section 4 of the Hamilton Police Services Board Procedural By-law 23-001, elections for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board are to be conducted at its first meeting of the year.

Kirsten Stevenson, Administrative Director of the Board, assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Police Services Board for 2024. It was moved by Member Bennink and seconded by Member Pauls that Member Mandy be nominated as Chair of the Police Services Board for 2024. Member Mandy indicated she would stand for election.

The Administrative Director called for further nominations. It was moved by Member Menezes and seconded by Member Kroetsch that Member

Kroetsch be nominated as Chair of the Police Services Board for 2024. Member Kroetsch indicated he would stand for election.

There were no further nominations for Chair of the Police Services Board.

Resolution Number **240125 - 1**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Elms

That nominations for the position of Chair of the Police Services Board for 2024 be closed.

CARRIED

The Administrative Director called the vote for election of Chair of the Board for 2024. The votes were tabulated as follows:

Member Mandy – 5 votes

Member Kroetsch – 2 votes

Member Mandy was elected as Chair of the Board for 2024.

2.2 Election for the Position of Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2024

Chair Mandy called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2024. It was moved by Member Elms and seconded by Member Pauls that Member Bennink be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2024. Member Bennink indicated he would stand for election.

The Chair called for further nominations. It was moved by Member Kroetsch and seconded by Member Menezes that Member Menezes be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2024. Member Menezes indicated she would stand for election.

There were no further nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Board.

Resolution Number **240125 - 2**

Moved By: Member Bennink

Seconded By: Member Elms

That nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2024 be closed.

Chair Mandy called the vote. The votes were tabulated as follows:

Member Bennink – 5 votes

Member Menezes – 2 votes

Member Bennink was elected as Vice Chair of the Board for 2024.

3. Acknowledgements

Vice Chair Bennink provided a land acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

The Administrative Director noted the following changes to the agenda:

- Added delegation request, for today's meeting, listed as item 6.3 , from Lyndon George of the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, respecting the Creating of the Community Advisory Committee
- Added delegation request, for today's meeting, from Jane Mulkewich, listed as item 6.4, respecting the Creation of a Community Advisory Committee.
- Added correspondence item 8.5 Correspondence from the London Police Services Board with regards to Chair & Vice Chair Elections for 2024.
- Added correspondence item 8.6 Correspondence from the Waterloo Regional Police Services Board respecting Election of Chair & Vice Chair for 2024.
- Added consent item 9.4 Board Administrative Director Monthly Update (PSB 24-006)
- Added closed consent item 3.9 pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*.

Added or revised items are noted with an '*'.

Resolution Number **240125 - 3**

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

6. Delegations, Presentations and Verbal Updates

6.1 Members of the Month

The Chief introduced Inspector Jim Callender who provided an overview of member and community engagement in 2023, in lieu of a Member of the Month presentation.

6.2 Delegation from the Hamilton Jewish Federation

(Approved at the December 14, 2023 Board meeting)

Jason Waxman, President of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, provided his presentation and answered questions of the Board. Also in attendance from the Hamilton Jewish Federation were CEO Gustavo Rymberg and Howard Eisenberg.

Resolution Number **240125 - 4**

Moved By: Member Kroetsch

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the delegation from the Hamilton Jewish Federation be received.

CARRIED

***6.3 Delegation from Lyndon George of the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, respecting the Creation of the Community Advisory Committee**

(For today's meeting.)

Resolution Number **240125 - 5**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Kroetsch

That the delegation request from the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre for today's meeting be approved.

CARRIED

Lyndon George of the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre provided his presentation and answered questions of the Board.

Resolution Number **240125 - 6**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Menezes

That the Board receive the presentation from Lyndon George of the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resources Centre.

CARRIED

***6.4 Delegation from Jane Mulkewich respecting the Creation of a Community Advisory Committee**

The delegation request from Jane Mulkewich, originally for today's meeting, was moved under recommendations and listed as item 10.4.

6.5 Board Chair Verbal Update

The Chair provided her updates.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240125 - 7**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the Board chair updates be received.

CARRIED

Members Kroetsch and Menezes, and were noted as being opposed.

6.6 Chief of Police Verbal Update

The Chief of Police provided his updates.

Resolution Number **240125 - 8**

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the Chief of Police updates be received.

CARRIED

7. Approval of the December 14, 2023 Minutes

Resolution Number **240125 - 9**

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the minutes of December 14, 2023, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240125 - 10**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That correspondence listed as items 8.1 through 8.6 be received.

CARRIED

8.1 All Chiefs Memo - In-force date of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 23-0085 (December 18, 2023)

8.2 All Chiefs Memo - Submission of 2023 Use of Force Reports 23-0086 (December 19, 2023)

8.3 Thank You from The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton (December 21, 2023)

8.4 Thank You from ProAction 2023 Holiday Giving Campaign (January 3, 2024)

***8.5 Correspondence from the London Police Services Board with regards Chair & Vice Chair Elections for 2024**

***8.6 Correspondence from the Waterloo Regional Police Services Board respecting Election of Chair & Vice Chair for 2024**

9. Consent Agenda

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240125 - 11**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That consent items listed as 9.1 through 9.5, be received.

CARRIED

9.1 Auction Account Requests for Support

Based on past practice and in accordance with the Board's Auction Account Policy:

That tickets at a cost of \$130 each be purchased to attend the Catholic Youth Organization's 39th annual fundraiser, 'Having Faith in Children', taking place on February 29, 2024, in support of camp programs for children in need; and

That tickets at a cost of \$100 each be purchased to attend the '2024 Reverend C. Holland Awards Gala' celebrating the achievements of Hamilton's Black community, hosted by the Hamilton Black History Council on February 24, 2024, at Liuna Station; and

That these tickets be purchased from the Auction Account Fund.

9.2 Correspondence to the City of Hamilton Regarding Hamilton Police 2024 Operating and Capital Budget (December 20, 2023)

9.3 Interprovincial Policing Act, 2009 - July 1 to December 31, 2023 (24-005)

***9.4 Board Administrative Director Monthly Update (PSB 24-006)**

***9.5 Outstanding Business List as of January 25, 2024**

10. Recommendations

10.1 Approval for Board Members to Attend 2024 Upcoming Training, Conference and Webinar Events (PSB 24-002)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240125 - 12**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Pauls

1. That Board Members and the Administrative Director be approved to attend the following events:

a) 2024 Association of Women Policing Conference, February 13-16, 2024, in Mississauga, Ontario;

b) Community Safety and Policing Act Conference, February 27-28, 2024, in Toronto, Ontario;

c) Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting, June 3-5, 2024, in Blue Mountains, Ontario;

d) Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference, August 8-11, 2024, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

e) International Association of Women Police Annual Conference, September 1-5, 2024, in Chicago IL, U.S.A.; and

f) International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Expo, October 19-22, 2024, in Boston MA, U.S.A

2. That the Administrative Director confirm interest in Board member attendance at the above-noted events and when appropriate, complete registration.

CARRIED

10.2 2024/2025 Canadian Association of Police Governance Membership (PSB 24-003)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240125 - 13**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) membership invoice for 2024/2025 in the amount of \$7998.08 be processed for payment.

CARRIED

10.3 Provincial Auto Theft Grant (24-006)

Appendix 'A' to Report 24-006 was dealt with in closed session as it pertains to matters involving public security based on section 35 (4) of the *Police Services Act*.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240125 - 14**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Menezes

a) That the Hamilton Police Services Board (Board) ratify the agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General, pursuant to the terms, conditions, and duration of the Agreement.

b) That the Board approve the hiring of one (1) Sworn Detective Constable and one (1) Civilian Crime Analyst for the BEAR Unit to address Auto Thefts for the duration of this funding, increasing the approved headcount by two (2) FTEs.

CARRIED

***10.4 Delegation Request from Jane Mulkewich respecting the Creation of a Community Advisory Committee**

This item was originally a delegation request for today's meeting. The item was moved from delegations to recommendation item 10.4 for approval for the February 29, 2024, meeting.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240125 - 15**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the delegation request from Jane Mulkewich respecting the creation of a Community Advisory Committee, for the meeting of February 29, 2024, be approved.

11. Motions

There were no motions.

12. Closed Meeting

Resolution Number **240125 - 16**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Board move into closed session for the purpose of considering confidential items pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*.

CARRIED

The Board moved into closed session at 2:59 P.M.

13. Closed Meeting Report Back

The Board returned to public session at 4:54 P.M.

During its closed session today:

- The Board approved its closed minutes of December 14, 2023, and dealt with personnel and legal matters in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*.

Resolution Number **240125 - 27**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Chair's report back be received.

CARRIED

Member Kroetsch was noted as being opposed.

14. Adjournment

Resolution Number **240125 - 28**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Pauls

As there was no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:56 P.M.

CARRIED

Taken as read and approved.

Chair Pat Mandy

Administrative Director
Kirsten Stevenson